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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

1876.			
Mar.	1.	Balance in the hands of the treasurer,	$791.09
		Amount of state, county, town, school, and highway taxes committed to John F. Bartlett for collection,	6,225.95
		Dog tax,	62.00
		State treasurer, savings bank tax,	693.01
		railroad tax,	204.28
		literary fund,	80.10
		Merrimack county, support of paupers,	1,097.64
		Amount of deficiencies by John Tennant as treasurer for the year 1872,	636.97
		H. H. Hartwell on his collection for the year 1871,	21.92
		David Hayes on his collection for the year 1872,	180.81
		Wm. D. Marden on his collection for the year 1874,	208.87
		Wm. D. Marden on his collection for the year 1875,	108.38
		Wm. D. Marden, collector,	137.00
			$10,448.02

EXPENDITURES.

1876.			
Mar.	11.	Paid John W. Ames, labor on highway,	$2.50
		Addison N. Osgood. public watering-trough for the years 1874-5,	6.00
Apr.	3.	Peter O. Donohoe, boarding Margarett Miller's child,	6.86

April	3.	Paid Town of Epsom, board and care of Eliza A. Cotton,	60.00
	4.	Alfred Towns, labor on highway,	13.73
	7.	Campbell & Hanscom, printing 400 town reports,	33.25
	8.	John P. Bachelder, labor on highway,	22.82
		Wm. D. Marden, labor on highway,	7.82
	18.	B. W. Sanborn, & Co., bill of stationery,	6.74
		John F. Bartlett, labor on highway,	9.45
	29.	Otis S. Eastman, printing bills,	1.50
		Peter O. Michaud, R. R. ticket to Canoda,	9.00
		Wm. D. Marden, wood for J. Prescott and dinners for selectmen,	7.25
May	1,	Peter O. Donohoe, boarding Margarett Miller's child,	6.43
	7.	Harvey Dennison, six tickets for the Bushway family,	9.75
	27.	John Perkins, Jr., and others, labor on highway,	11.85
		Joseph Lacassa, three pairs shoes for the Bushway family,	1.50
		C. P. Morse, coffin for Morris Sharp,	6.00
		C. P. Morse, coffin for Augustus Baker,	8.00
June	1.	William Cate, labor on highway,	7.00
	2.	Daniel C. Moore, labor on highway,	7.65
		John Hayes, Jr., labor on highway,	5.25
		Peter O. Donohoe, boarding Miller child,	6.65
		John Brown, labor on highway,	3.70
		Orceamus Cate, labor on highway,	3.70
	3.	John F. Bartlett, R. R. tickets for Augustus Demars to Canada,	10.00
		Norman Call, labor on highway,	8.35
	10.	Alfred Towns, labor on highway,	131.00
	24.	John P. Bachelder, labor on highway,	56.25
		John Leavitt, in part of school money for district number 2,	40.00
		John Leavitt and others, labor on highway,	39.10

Oune	1.	Paid Nelson Arnold, boarding Augustus Demars,	12.00
		William D. Marden and others, labor on highway,	34.15
		Lewis Gill, board of Mille Terrau,	10.00
	30.	Clark E. Humphrey, board of Myers family,	36.00
July	1.	Peter O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	6.43
	3.	James C. Marden, in part of school money for district No. 3,	25.00
	13.	H. H. Hartwell, in part of school money for district No. 4,	225.00
	21.	Hall B. Emery, labor on highway,	67.14
	29.	John Perkins, in part of note,	50.00
		John P. Bachelder and others, for labor on highway,	13.50
		Moody K. Wilson, over-taxed,	2.00
Aug.	4.	Peter O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	6.65
		Lewis Gill, board of paupers,	10.00
		Peter O. Michaud, goods for Horace Baker,	12.00
	12.	Samuel S. Cass, in part of school money for district No. 1,	45.00
	14.	Henry Dowst and others, labor on highway,	28.35
	26.	John Appleton and others, labor on highway,	65.99
		John P. Bachelder and others, labor on highway,	24.05
		Victor Gilbert, railroad ticket to Canada for Mille Terrau,	9.15
Sept.	2.	Peter O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	6.65
	30.	Auzeb Augey, transportation of family and supplies to shanty in small-pox case,	16.00
		William D. Marden, labor on highway,	24.54
Oct.	3.	Peter O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	6.43

Oct.	12.	Paid Charles J. Lacassa, assistance in small-pox case,	20.00
	21.	John Leavitt, in part of school money for district No. 2,	45.00
	29.	Peter O. Michaud. railroad tickets and assistance for Mrs. Pocket,	32.50
		John Appleton, labor on highway,	8.00
		William D. Marden, wood for J. Prescott,	8.00
	31.	Mrs. Watson, cutting and making clothes for Mrs. Pocket, small-pox case,	2.00
Nov.	1.	Peter O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	6.65
	11.	W. E. Hirsh, assistance in moving small-pox family to hospital.	4.00
	16.	James C. Marden, in part of school money for district No. 3,	81.00
	17.	Charles E. Johnson, land damage in widening road,	50.00
	23.	H. H. Hartwell, in part of school money for district No. 4,	250.00
	24.	Mrs. Martin, board of Mary McKensie's child,	25.92
	25.	John Leavitt and others, labor on highway,	28.37
		Joseph Lacassa, nine pairs of shoes for small-pox family, and one pair for Mrs. J. Prescott,	13.05
		John Perkins, Jr., goods furnished J. Prescott and others,	4.80
		John P. Bachelder and others, labor on highway,	14.55
		William D. Marden and others, labor on highway,	18.10
	28.	Elias W. Ames, land damage in widening road,	125.00
Dec.	1.	Peter O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	6.43
	13.	Miles L. Spaulding, seven suits of clothes for small-pox family,	46.35

Dec.	14.	Paid	I. G. Russ, goods furnished J. Prescott,	22.45
			I. G. Russ, goods furnished for support of R. and H. Blaisdell's children,	53.75
	21.		Sullivan Brothers, goods furnished small-pox family,	9.10
			Sullivan Brothers, goods furnished Amelia Myers,	5.00
1877.				
Jan.	2.		Peter O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	6.65
	10.		Samuel S. Cass, balance of school money in district No. 1,	102.65
			Henry Dowst and others, labor on highway,	4.50
	12.		Josiah K. Clifford, land damage in widening road,	30.00
	16.		W. H. Haseltine, notifying land-owners in case of Ferry road,	4.00
	18.		Ervin Cate, labor on highway,	10.00
	19.		Clark E. Humphrey, wood for Octave Belrose,	2.50
			Clark E. Humphrey, wood for Stephen Clement,	7.50
	20.		Daniel C. Moore, labor on highway,	2.79
	22.		Alfred Towns and others, labor on highway,	56.44
			James F. Langmaid, goods furnished Octave Dubee,	13.60
	27.		G. H. Larrabee, medical attendance on Henry Bushway and famiiy,	6.50
			G. H. Larrabee, medical attendance on Elizabeth Dubee,	9.10
			G. H. Larrabee, medical attendance on Augustus Demars.	6.45
			G. H. Larrabee, medical attendance on Amelia Terria,	21.45
			G. H. Larrabee, medical attendance on Julia Freeman,	11.05

Jan.	27.	Paid G. H. Larrabee, medical attendance on Fred Larue family,	19.50
		G. H. Larrabee, medical attendance on Jonathan Prescott.	4.50
		G. H. Larrabee, medical attendance on Horace Baker family,	6.50
		John W. Ames, labor on highway,	2.50
		John Leavitt and others, labor on highway.	42.35
		Joseph Lacassa. one pair of shoes for Mary McKensie's child,	1.10
		Charles P. Morse, four coffins for Francis Deracia's family,	29.00
		Charles P. Morse, one coffin for Anthony Godett's child,	7.00
		Charles P. Morse, one coffin for Francis Alle,	10.00
		Charles P. Morse, one coffin for Abraham Sweany,	8.00
		Charles P. Morse, one coffin for Frank Myers,	10,00
		Charles P. Morse. one coffee-pot for small-pox family,	.25
		Samuel Martin, plank for bridges,	40.00
		William D. Marden and others, labor on highway,	23.34
		John P. Bachelder and others, labor on highway,	36.82
		C. F. Hildreth, medicine for Frank E. Myers,	2.00
		Baker & Fellows, goods furnished county paupers, as per bill,	120.34
		Alonzo Colby, wood for county paupers,	8.73
		Josiah K. Clifford, labor on highway,	6.00
	29.	Emery Brothers, goods furnished John Smith,	35.50
		Emery Brothers, goods furnished small-pox family,	1.70

Jan.	29.	Paid Phillips & Kimball, attendance in small-pox case,	65.00
	30.	Williams & Hosmer, goods furnished county paupers, as per bill,	167.43
		Samuel B. Cofran, loss of horse by defect in highway,	100.00
		Moore & Johnson, shoes for Lewis Goudro's family,	5.00
		John F. Bartlett, railroad tickets for Bushway family,	5.00
		John F. Bartlett, railroad ticket for Annie Dolan and girl,	4.90
		B. B. Bartlett, goods furnished small-pox family,	1.35
		Williams & Hosmer, goods furnished Octave Belrose,	4.00
Feb.	6.	Dr. J. R. Kimball, by contract with county commissioners,	55.75
		Baker & Fellows, goods furnished county paupers by Pratt & Hoitt,	18.00
		B. H. Phillips, medical attendance on Lewis Goudro,	19.50
		G. Chadbon, assistance in small-pox case,	2.00
		Harvey Dennison, labor on highway,	2.17
		Peter O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	6.65
		State treasurer, state tax,	1,480.00
		County treasurer, county tax,	1,263.03
	7.	Hall B. Emery and others, labor on highway,	124.70
		Henry Dowst and others, labor on highway,	53.66
		H. H. Hartwell, in part of school money for district No. 4,	300.00
	24.	John Appleton and others, labor on highway,	25.25
		B. J. Kendall, wood, and care of town-house for the year 1876,	5.40

Feb.	24.	Paid Thomas M. Cofran, public watering-trough for the year 1876,	3.00
		Orvis P. Young, labor on highway,	1.96
		Warren A. Osgood, labor on cattle-pass,	7.00
		Charles Williams, services as town clerk,	15.00
		John F. Bartlett and others, labor on highway,	25.72
		John F. Bartlett, cash paid for affidavits, R. R. tickets, and one order-book,	13.00
		John Perkins, Jr., cash paid when out of town on business, R. R. fare and blank books,	11.30
		David Hayes, use of hall for town business,	10.00
	27.	Ephraim Locke, cash paid for stationery, etc.,	4.87
		Ephraim Locke, goods furnished paupers,	4.35
		H. H. Hartwell, services as S. S. committee,	25.00
		Ephraim Locke, furnishing selectmen,	15.00
		Natt & Wm. F. Head, note and interest,	814.83
		John F. Bartlett, collector of taxes for the year 1876, abatement of the following taxes:	
		Charles F. Hildreth, over-taxed,	12.00
		Richard S. Abbott, dog,	1.00
		Clark W. Bachelder, paid in Concord,	.90
		Fred Burnham,	1.90
		Honery Boshane,	.90
		Phillip F. Brown,	.90
		George W. Coburn, over 70,	.90
		Lewis Dubee, taxed in Pembroke,	.90
		John Edes, over 70,	.90
		Albert P. Fearnalt,	.90
		John Hogan, dog,	1.00
		Charles Howard, taxed in Mass.,	.90
		Peter Laflam,	.90
		Peter Moony,	.90

Feb.	27.	Paid	Samuel Rice, taxed in Mass.,	.90
			John Roberts,	.90
			Narrisse J. B. Richie, dog,	1.00
			Anthony Surell,	.90
			John Urneult,	.90
			John Vanderhayden, taxed in Pembroke,	.90
			Isador Villix,	.90
				$31.30

H. H. Hartwell, collector of taxes for the year 1871, abatement of the following taxes:

Paul Berry,	$1.76
Lewis Bartant,	1.76
Fred Bakeer,	1.76
Joseph Benway,	1.76
Saul Benway,	1.76
William Bolder,	1.76
George Bean,	1.76
John Crawford,	1.76
George Costigan,	1.76
Patrick Farley,	1.76
James Farley,	1.76
Joseph Foss,	1.76
Tufield Goshen,	1.76
Lewis Gady,	1.76
Edno Gover,	1.76
Harrison Hoar,	1.76
John Ibee,	3.85
Thomas Johnson,	1.76
Joseph Jarvis,	1.76
Peter Jarvis,	1.76
George A. Leavitt,	1.76
James Lees,	1.76
Abraham Liberty,	1.76
Joseph Laroach,	1.76
Hugh McAnna,	1.76
Abraham Mitchell,	1.76

Feb.	27.	Paid	Lewis Plant,	2.76
			Gilbert Rollins,	1.76
			David Roby,	1.76.
			John Shortes,	1.76
			Jarome Stone,	1.76
			Samuel Taylor,	1.76
			John B. Talbot.	1.76
			Joseph Viga.	1.76
			James Whalan.	1.76
			John Wilder.	1.76
				$65.65

David Hayes, collector of taxes for the year 1872. abatements of the following taxes:

Alion Amyal,	$0.95
John A. Alsop,	.95
Thomas Borerassa.	.95
Natson Boudrow,	.95
Peter Brown,	.95
Oliver Bachelder,	.95
Edwin Benway,	.95
John Boyse,	.95
Ransom Basso,	.95
Julian Bensitt,	.95
Rufus L. Bean,	.95
Joseph Chubity,	.95
Moses Conquent.	.95
Francis Duherst,	.95
William Dow,	.95
John Daperlas,	.95
Paul Frops,	.95
Phillip Leumet.	.95
James McCumie.	.95
Abe Mitchel,	1.95
Daniel McCumie.	.95
Joseph Nadae,	.95
Alonzo Preston,	.95

Feb.	27.	Paid Lewis Proselent,	
		Charles Robins,	.95
		Albert Rumney,	.95
		Antona St. John,	.95
		Lewis Stabent,	.95
		John Tobert,	.95
		Francis Varvil,	.95
		Orojun Varvil.	.95
			$30.45
	28.	William D. Marden, collector of taxes for the year 1873, abatement of the following taxes :	
		Napoleon Amell,	$1.30
		Joseph Bruett,	1.30
		Peter Brough,	1.30
		Peter Brough, Jr.,	1.30
		Bapstis Blunour,	1.30
		Plasie Blunour,	1.30
		Benj. Bengardner,	1.30
		John Berry,	1.30
		John Brown,	1.30
		John Been,	1.30
		John Barton,	1.30
		William Baker,	1.30
		Joel Bean,	2.30
		Gideon Comis,	1.30
		John Chadbon,	1.30
		George Chadbon,	1.30
		John Colderbank,	1.30
		James Devine,	1.30
		Tophil Domie,	1.30
		John Docket,	1.30
		John Devine,	1.30
		Joseph Desille, Jr.,	1.30
		Allon Darwin,	1.30
		Charles Eddy,	1.30
		Dina Fouain,	1.30

Feb.	28.	Paid	Alfonce Feannalt,	1.30
			Henry Fropid,	1.30
			Dennis Furkac,	1.30
			Peter Gamache,	1.30
			Nepoleon Govelin,	1.30
			Feovie Govelin,	1.30
			Moses Goby,	1.30
			Joseph Gomach,	1.30
			John Jinkinson,	1.30
			Edwin Gilbert,	1.30
			Eugean Goudich,	1.30
			Henry Hall,	1.30
			Gideon Hamlet,	1.30
			Elisha Hough,	1.30
			Benj. Herrod,	1.30
			George Hains,	1.30
			Joseph Hartford,	1.55
			William Joise,	1.30
			James Kidd,	1.30
			David Larro,	2.30
			Thomas Lees,	1.30
			Frank Lagas,	1 30
			Joseph Langlois,	1.30
			Charles Little,	1.30
			Lewis Langley,	1.30
			John B. Lafew,	1.30
			Fanfill Laloite,	1.30
			Famsil Wilmer,	1.30
			James Miller,	2.30
			John Maken,	1.30
			Robert McCarty,	1.30
			George Warner,	1.30
			John Macklin,	1.30
			Thomas Mehan,	1.30
			Muncy Michael,	1.30
			Anthony Monder,	1.30
			Lewis Picket,	1.30
			John Pishe,	1.30

Feb.	28.	Paid Thomas Pilkinton,	1.30
		William Robinson,	1.30
		Michael Rosa,	1.30
		Nelson Ricker,	2.30
		John Strickford,	1.30
		John Supress,	1.30
		Thomas Smithson,	1.30
		Thomas A. Smith,	1.30
		Arnold Saugrèn.	1.30
		Lawrence Scannals,	1.30
		John Terrior,	1.30
		Anthony Trapier,	1.30
		George Walker,	1.30
			$100.75
		William D. Marden, abatements for 1874:	
		Warren S. Abbott,	$0.95
		David Allard,	.95
		James Amell,	.95
		David Bartrand,	.95
		Thomas Borison,	.95
		Ferdnand Bochene,	.95
		Axion Bouche,	.95
		Alfred Boudro,	1.95
		Nickalo Bergeon,	.95
		Frank Burk,	.95
		Juilan Benoitt,	.95
		John Brice,	.95
		Joseph Brooks,	.95
		John Cofran,	.95
		Charles Colby,	.95
		John Crompton,	.95
		James Carroll,	.95
		Miles Costelo,	.95
		Michael Conway,	.95
		James Clark,	.95
		Leon Cota,	.95
		Theop Caderett,	.95

Feb.	28.	Paid Fardine Covier,	.95
		Peter Conner,	.95
		Peter Concheve,	.95
		George W. Coburn,	.95
		John Costigan,	.95
		James Devine,	.95
		Michael Dudee,	.95
		Peter Eckley,	.95
		Christ Falconar,	.95
		R. Young Falconar,	.95
		Prudent Gaucher,	.95
		Paul Gaucher,	.95
		James Gradie,	.95
		Pat Gafney,	2.95
		Lewis Gocelain,	.95
		Methias Gyllette,	.95
		Antone Girard,	.95
		Henry Andre,	.95
		Benj. Harrop,	2.95
		Charles F. Hardy,	.95
		John Huntington,	.95
		Elisha Hough,	.95
		David Jones,	.95
		Christofer Legwick,	.95
		David Livingston,	.95
		Peter Lamarie,	.95
		Augustus Lamarie,	.95
		Vancie Lamarie,	.95
		Abraham Labertie,	.95
		James Low,	.95
		John Loon,	.95
		John Manning,	.95
		William Matley,	.95
		Ephraim Matting,	.95
		John Norton,	.95
		Simeon Philbrick,	6.46
		Orrison Pickard,	.95
		Edward Pouliett,	.95

Feb.	28.	Paid Charles Porier,	.95
		John Ryder,	.95
		Michael Reynolds,	.95
		Octave Roey,	.95
		Dennis Riche,	.95
		Edward Richardson,	.95
		William Ruel,	.95
		——— Sidons,	.95
		Daniel Sullivan,	.95
		Jo Smith,	1.95
		Maxiom Soverain,	.95
		Perry St. Age,	.95
		Antone Sabine,	.95
		Lawrence Scamel,	.95
		John Scamel,	.95
		Francis Sewill,	.95
		Isaac Wall,	.95
		Lewis Woods,	.95
		John Mathis,	.95
		Joseph Wade,	.95
			$87.51
		William D. Marden, labor on highway,	3.20
		Hall B. Emery, services as town treasurer,	25.00
		John F. Bartlett, services as selectman,	60.00
		Ephraim Locke, " "	65.00
		John Perkins, Jr., " "	75.00
		John Perkins, " auditor,	2.00
		William Haseltine, " "	2.00

Amount of expenditures,	$7,798.78
Amount of receipts,	$10,448.02
Expenditures,	7,798.78
Balance in favor of town,	$2,649.24
Liabilities of town,	2,537.52
Over and above liabilities,	$111.72

LIABILITIES OF TOWN, MARCH 1, 1877.

Henry Dowst, note dated March 1, 1877,	$184.37
Phillip Sargent, " "	986.39
Mrs. John Johnson, note dated Dec. 12, 1876,	400.00
interest,	6.20
John Perkins, note and interest,	205.83
Due school district No. 2, school-house tax,	25.00
school money,	28.05
school district No. 3, school money,	42.55
school district No. 4, school money,	659.13
	$2,537.52

Remaining in the hands of treasurer, March 1, 1877,	$1,176.74
on W. H. Hartwell's collection, 1871,	21.92
on David Hayes' collection, 1872,	180.81
Deficiency by John Tennant, as treasurer for 1872,	636.97
Remaining on William D. Marden's collection, 1874,	208.87
on William D. Marden's collection, 1875,	108.38
on John F. Bartlett's collection, 1876,	315.55
	$2,649.24

JOHN PERKINS, JR.,
EPHRAIM LOCKE,
JOHN F. BARTLETT,
Selectmen of Allenstown.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1877, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN PERKINS,
WILLIAM HASELTINE,
Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending March 1, 1877.

The Town Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1876,		$791.09
Received of Wm. D. Marden, collector for 1875,		137.00
State treasurer, savings bank tax,		693.01
railroad tax,		204.28
literary fund,		80.10
Merrimack county, support of paupers,		1,097.64
John F. Bartlett, collector for 1876,		5,941.10
		$8,944.22

EXPENDITURES.

Paid town orders of the selectmen, numbered from 1 to 136,	$6,952.65	
note to Natt & Wm. F. Head,	814.83	
		$7,767.48
Balance in treasury,		$1,176.74

HALL B. EMERY, *Town Treasurer.*

Allenstown, March 1, 1877.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1877, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN PERKINS,
WILLIAM HASELTINE,
Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN.

The Superintending School Committee of Allenstown respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March, 1877.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

SAMUEL S. CASS, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term. Miss Ella F. Chesley of Epsom, teacher. Length of term, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 14. Wages of teacher per month, including board, $26.

Winter Term. Rev. G. D. Garland, of New Rye, teacher. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages per month, $30. Whole number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 17.

Both of these teachers were of the right stamp; and by their untiring and efficient labors, won for themselves much praise from all concerned, and fully maintained the former good reputation of this school. A public exhibition was given the week after the school closed, which was spoken of by those in attendance in terms of commendation. We regret that we were not able to be present, to participate in the interesting exercises.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Prudential committee, John Leavitt.

Length of term, 6 weeks. Wages, $20 per month. Whole number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 7.

Summer Term. Miss Maud M Grady of Allenstown, teacher. She is quite young, and never had any experience of this kind before. She did not quite meet the expectations of the people or the committee. But we can safely say "She hath done what she could."

Winter Term. Miss Liller R. Dolber of Chester, teacher. Wages per month, $22.48. Whole number of scholars, 12; average, 9. Length of term, 7 weeks.

Miss D. is quite small, but exceedingly smart in the schoolroom. She manifested a kind of self-possession and independence that greatly pleased us. And as a result, this was the best and most profitable term of school your committee has ever known in this district. And among the people, "all was calm as summer evenings be."

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

Prudential Committee, James C. Marden.

Length of school, 10 weeks in summer and 14 in autumn. Wages, $20 and $22 per month, including board. Mrs. Mary L. Cofran of Pembroke taught both terms. Whole number of scholars, 9 in summer and 17 the second term; average attendance, 7 and 11. Mrs. C. succeeded admirably. And the secret of her success is shown in the following remarks which she penned in the register: "I commenced this school with a determination to do all in my power for the best interests of every scholar, showing partiality to no one. The scholars manifested considerable interest in their studies, and obeyed the rules of the school during the term. Three scholars were neither absent nor tardy: Eddie Johnson, Alice Johnson, and Rachel Marden." With such a spirit on

the part of teacher and scholars, any school will be a success.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

HALL B. EMERY, H. H. HARTWELL, } Prudential Committee.

Length of summer term, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 44; average attendance, 33. Wages, $32.

Autumn Term. Twelve weeks; 52 scholars; average, 37. Wages, $32.

Winter Term. Twelve weeks; 39 scholars; 32 average. Wages, $45. The first term was taught by Miss Mary H. Batchelder of Deerfield; the second by Miss Clara I. Brown of Milton, Vermont; and the third by Mr. Charles R. Rowe of Candia. These were all sufficiently qualified, so far as learning is concerned, to instruct any who attended school. But neither of the ladies succeeded as well as could have been desired.

Mr. Rowe had taught three terms in this district, in years past. He therefore came to us having a fine record. We have had some "skirmishing" during the first part of the winter term; but under judicious command on the part of the teacher, and by the kindly coöperation of parents and citizens, order has been maintained, and loyalty has triumphed.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.—CHINA SCHOOL.

This school has had three terms, of 12 weeks each. Whole number of different scholars, 84; average attendance, 63. Wages, $32 per month. The first two terms were taught by Miss S. Elsie Cofran of Pembroke. She had taught in every district in town, and won for herself a good reputation for capability, industry, and success as a teacher. The only suggestion, by way of improvement, your committee would give Elsie, is that "*grit*," as well as *grace*, is all-important, if we would have a quiet and orderly school.

The third term was taught by Mrs. Alma I. Swaine; and in the matter of order, this term was an improvement on any one preceding.

The examination showed well for all concerned. And yet all the teachers in this district the present year have found great embarrassment for want of sufficient room and suitable conveniences for so large a number of scholars. *We feel a pressing need of a new and commodious schoolhouse, and a graded school.* We cannot better express our sentiments on this matter than by quoting the language of Mr. Rowe, as written in his school register: "The schools of this district are getting to be of such proportions as to demand the most careful consideration on the part of those who help support them. The school and the family are one and the same in their object, and to be successful, each must support the other. The true education of seventy-five or one hundred children is a task not easily accomplished, and never gained without intelligent thought. A successful school system must be founded upon true principles of mental and bodily growth.

"Education is two-fold in its nature—the acquisition of knowledge, and the proper development of the whole being. An honest effort should *now* be put forth to provide a suitable place for a school. The present condition of school conveniences, and their effect upon these young minds and bodies, ought to move all to immediate action."

I hope we shall hear the voice of wisdom, speaking from age and experience, and forget it not.

Thirteen hundred and seventy-five dollars and ten cents have been appropriated for schools, as follows:

No. 1, . . .	$147.65
No. 2, . . .	113.05
No. 3, . . .	148.55
No. 4, . . .	965.85

We have had, in all, fifty-two weeks of schooling, employing eight teachers. Notwithstanding the extreme severity of the winter, our schools have been an improvement on the past year.

H. H. HARTWELL,
Supt. School Com.